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THE HANKOOK ILBO NEWSPAPER RAN AN EDITORIAL 8/24 HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE REPORTED WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM KOREA. UNDER THE HEADLINES "THE EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS WRONG" AND "OUR OWN PREPARATIONS ARE MORE VITAL THAN THE NUCLEAR UMBRELLA", THE EDITORIAL STATES THAT, ALTHOUGH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS PROMISED TO INCREASE U.S. AIR FORCE STRENGTH IN THE ROKO AS PARTIAL COMPENSATION FOR THE GROUND TROOP WITHDRAWAL, EVEN USAF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL BE REMOVED. IT WONDERS WHETHER KOREA CAN LIVE WITH ONLY THE "CREED OF THE NUCLEAR UMBRELLA" AND CONCLUDES "IT IS OUR FRANK BELIEF THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST NOT FORGET OUR OWN PRUDENT AND PROPER PREPARATIONS". ASIDE FROM THE DONGA ILBO COMMENTARY REPORTED IN REFTEL, OTHER PAPERS HAVE NOT CARRIED EDITORIALS ON THE SUBJECT.
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